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1. AT REQUEST OF S. GLEBOV, EMBASSY OFFICER MET WITH HIM
AND INASHVILI AT SCST FEBRUARY 17 TO DISCUSS EXPEDITING
IMPLEMENTATION OF 1978 COOPERATIVE PROGRAM IN ELECTROMETAL-
URGY. GLEBOV NOTED THAT SOVIETS HAD TO DATE NOT RECEIVED
US RESPONSE TO SOVIER 1978 PROGRAM PROPOSALS WHICH WERE
PUT FORTH IN GLEBOV AND ANTONOV LETTERS CONTAINED REFS A
AND B, RESPECTIVELY. TIME WAS A FACTOR, HE OBSERVED,
ESPECIALLY SINCE JWG MUST MEET PRIOR TO FORTHCOMING
S&T JCM THIS SPRING. BECAUSE OF THIS, THE SOVIETS HAVE
REVISED SEVERAL OF THEIR EARLIER PROPOSALS. GLEBOV
OUTLINED THESE CHANGES AS FOLLOWS:

- ELECTROMETALLURGY JWG MEETING. SOVIETS PREFER LATE
APRIL DATE SINCE ANTONOV HAS NOW MADE COMMITMENTS FOR MAY;
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- ELECTRON-BEAM EVAPORATION (01.0303). THREE PROBLEMS
REQUIRE RESOLUTION. FIRST, SOVIETS NEED TO KNOW ASAP
WHEN THEY WILL RECEIVE US DRAWINGS OF ELECTRON-BEAM
EVAPORATION GUN MOUNTING (REF C) AND WHEN US SPECIALISTS
WILL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE THE SOVIET GUN.

GLEBOV EMPHASIZED THAT SOVIETS ARE PREPARED TO PROCEED WITH THIS WORK AND ONLY AWAIT DRAWINGS AND PROPOSALS FROM THEIR US COUNTERPARTS. SECOND, PROFESSOR B. MOVCHAN OF PATON INSTITUTE PROPOSES TO ARRANGE PROJECT MEETING FOLLOWING AN INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ELECTRON-BEAM TECHNOLOGY WHICH HE WILL ATTEND IN SAN FRANCISCO APRIL 3-7. SCHEDULING OF ELECTRON-BEAM JOINT PROJECT MEETING IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS WOULD PERMIT SOVIET SPECIALISTS TO PARTICIPATE IN LATE APRIL JWG AS PROPOSED BY ANTONOV. FINALLY, GLEBOV ADVISED THAT SOVIETS HAVE EXPERIENCED UNEXPECTED ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS IN FINALIZING PROGRAM FOR COMPREHENSIVE INVESTIGATION OF TESTING AND EVALUATION OF ADVANCED CUTTING TOOL SYSTEMS. THIS PROGRAM SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY EARLY MARCH, AT WHICH TIME GLEBOV WILL BE PREPARED TO TRAVEL TO THE US TO DISCUSS ITS IMPLEMENTATION. PLEASE ADVISE;

- SOLID-STATE JOINING (01.0306). GLEBOV ASKED WHEN US REPORTS NOTED REF D WILL BE SENT. HE ALSO ASKED FOR CONFIRMATION OF PLANNED JUNE VISIT BY DR. R. HECKEL TO USSR AND HIS PROGRAM PREFERENCES. PLEASE ADVISE; AND

- ELECTROSLAG (01.0301), PLASMA-ARC (01.0302) AND WELDING MATERIALS (01.0304). SOVIETS AWAIT US RESPONSE CONCERNING TIMING OF SOVDEL VISITS. GLEBOV INDICATED THAT IN EACH CASE APRIL WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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MEETINGS; IN ELECTROSLAG CASE, SOVIET SPECIALISTS NOW ARE COMMITTED FOR MAY AND CAN ONLY COME TO US IN APRIL. PLEASE ADVISE.

2. GLEBOV EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT IF US DELAYS IN RESPONDING TO ABOVE PROPOSALS IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE MEETINGS PRIOR TO JCM. SOVIETS DEFINITELY PREFER TO SCHEDULE PROJECT MEETINGS IN EARLY OR MID-APRIL WHICH WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY JWG. WE ADVISED SCST THAT WE WOULD TRY TO OBTAIN A QUICK RESPONSE AND WOULD APPRECIATE A COORDINATED REPLY TO THE ABOVE PROPOSALS FOR TRANSMISSION TO SCST BY EARLY MARCH. MATLOCK

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